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SUBJECT: CODEL LONG

1. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE STARK HAS ADVISED EMBASSY BY PHONE AND LETTER THAT CONGRESSMAN LONG(LA.) PLANS VISIT OSLO AUGUST 13,14,AND 15 TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC PLANNING AND HUMPHREY PROPOSAL FOR U.S. ECONOMIC PLANNING BODY. STARK ADVISES LONG MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN FRESH WATER FISHING OVER WEEKEND AND WILL PROCEED TO STOCKHOLM AUGUST 18.

2. SALMON AND SEA TROUT IN RIVERS ARE MAIN NORWEGIAN FRESH WATER SPORT FISH. WHILE THIS FISHING CAN BE VERY EXPENSIVE AND IS USUALLY BOOKED WELL AHEAD, EMBASSY HAS LOCATED PLACE ON FLAM RIVER WHICH AMONG MOST BEAUTIFUL IN SCENIC WEST FJORD COUNTRY WHERE REP LONG COULD FISH FOR COMPARATIVELY CHEAP PRICE OF 600KRONER A DAY(ABOUT \$120),INCLUDING HOTEL,LICENSE, MEALS,GUIDE,EQUIPMENT,ETC. TRAIN FOR FLAM DEPARTS OSLO EVERY DAY AT ABOUT 1000 HOURS AND LEAVES FLAM IN LATE AFTERNOON AT 1600HOURS ARRIVING OSLO AT 2155HOURS. ROUND TRIP TICKET WILL COST ABOUT \$65.00 TO BE WORTHWHILE,DEPARTURE ON FRIDAY MORNING TO FLAM, RETURN TO OSLO FROM FLAM SUNDAY EVENING, AND MORNING FLIGHT OSLO TO STOCKHOLM MONDAY MORNING IS RECOMMENDED.

3. OTHER FRESH WATER FISHING FOR TROUT IN LAKES IN MOUNTAINS WOULD INVOLVE CHARTERING PRIVATE PLANE,
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CAMPING OUT,PURCHASE OF LICENSE,AND PROCUREMENT OF

EQUIPMENT(RENTAL MAY BE POSSIBLE) AND WOULD BE MORE EXPENSIVE AS WELL AS DIFFICULT. FISHING IN OTHER AREAS NEARER OSLO NOT RECOMMENDED IN AUGUST AND UNLIKELY TO BE PRODUCTIVE. EMBASSY SUGGESTS REP LONG DISCUSS MATTER WITH NORWEGIAN EMBASSY. IF REP LONG WILLING SETTLE FOR HIKING.THERE ARE VERY EXTENSIVE AND ATTRACTIVE NATURAL PARK AREAS IN HILLS AROUND OSLO.

4. A NUMBER OF NORWEGIAN OFFICIALS AND OTHERS HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN DISCUSSING ECONOMIC PLANNING WITH REP LONG. HOWEVER,EMBASSY NEEDS HIS EXACT ITINERARY IN ORDER SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS. PLEASE ALSO ADVISE SOONEST WHETHER REP LONG WISHES RESERVE FLAM FISHING SITE OR TO PURSUE OTHER PLANS.

5. CHARGE WOULD LIKE REP LONG TO JOIN HIM FOR DINNER HE HAS SCHEDULED ON AUGUST 14 WITH FORMER NORWEGIAN OFFICIALS ASSOCIATED WITH MARSHALL PLAN.
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